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Application of: Jaydeep Y. Kokate et al. )

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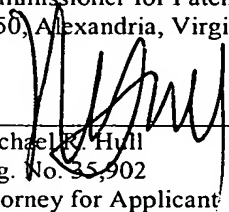
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For: Catheters with Fluorescent  
Temperature Sensors )

Group Art Unit: 3761 )

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement imposed in the Office Action mailed on March 19, 2004, applicants elect claims 1-48, with traverse (Group I). Applicants respectfully submit that the restriction requirement is improper as method claims 49-51 clearly recite the use of the catheters covered by claims 1-48. Thus, there is no burden on the Patent Office in examining all claims in this application. If there is any burden, it would be on the applicants who would have to pay the separate filing fee, issue fee and maintenance taxes on a separate patent for method claims 49-51. Thus, withdrawal of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

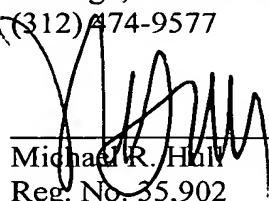
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